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SUBJECT- INTERIM 200-MILE FISHERIES LEGISLATION

EMBASSY LONDON PASS MOORE, US LOS TEAM

1. JOHN NORTON MOORE, CHAIRMAN OF THE NSC INTERAGENCY

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CONFERENCE, MET ON MAY 3 WITH JAPANESE FIRST SECRETARY FOR

POLITICAL AFFAIRS KUBOA TO DISCUSS PENDING LEGISLATION
IN OUR CONGRESS WHICH WOULD EXTEND US FISHERIES CONTIGUOUS
ZONE FROM 9 TO 197 MILES (S.1988).

2. MOORE EXPLAINED BILL AND SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT WHICH LOS
OFFICIALS HAD FOUND IN SOUNDINGS WITH THE CONGRESS, AND
PRESENTED KUBOTA WITH MAY 3 TESTIMONY OF ACTING SECRETARY
RUSH BEFORE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE. MOORE STATED THAT
THE ADMINISTRATION WAS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE LEGISLATION,
BUT ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT PRESSURE WAS GREAT ON CONGRESS TO
TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT US COASTAL AND ANADROMOUS FISHING
INDUSTRIES FROM FOREIGN FISHERMEN. VARIOUS AREAS OF CONCERN
WERE DETAILED INCLUDING PROBLEMS OF INCIDENTAL CATCH OF
HALIBUT IN EASTERN BERING SEA AND BRISTOL BAY SOCKEYE
SALMON CATCH. MOORE SUGGESTED THAT WHILE WE WERE NOT

ASKING FOR ANY SPECIFIC STEPS IN THIS CONTEXT, JAPAN
SHOULD BE AWARE THAT ANY ACTION IT MIGHT TAKE TO REDUCE
ITS FISHING EFFORTS AND TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF OUR PROBLEMS
MIGHT REDUCE PRESSURE FOR PASSAGE OF AN INTERIM BILL.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO USE ALL APPROPRIATE OPPOR-
TUNITIES TO REITERATE OUR CONCERN TO GOJ OFFICIALS AND
OUR HOPE THAT FUTURE FISHERY DISCUSSIONS WILL TAKE INTO
ACCOUNT THE NEED FOR POSITIVE STEPS TO AVOID INTERIM
FISHERIES LEGISLATION.

4. RUSH TESTIMONY BEING POUCHED. RUSH

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